advertise clerical posts for different regions on different dates but conduct examination on the same day ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether Government propose to change this policy and conduct examinations on different dates so as to allow the candidates to appear in as many regions as possible ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) In order to check the migration of candidates from one State to another, minimise requests for transfer after appointment and with a view to reduce wastages due to selection of the same candidate by more than one Banking Service Recruitment Board, some of the adjacent Banking Service Recruitment Boards adopt with mutual consent, a common date for clerical examinations.

(c) No, Sir.

Foreign collaboration in industries

1823. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many foreign collaborations with foreign equity are at present existing in India :

(b) of these how many have positive foreign exchange earnings for the country ; and

(c) how many foreign collaborations are losing foreign exchange ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) The total foreign collaboration approvals issued during the period 1985 to 1989 are as under :—

	Total	Financial
1985 . . .	1024	238
1986 . . .	957	240
1987 . . .	853	242
1988 . . .	926	282
1989 . .	605	194

(b) and (c) The data of actual foreign exchange earnings in respect of foreign collaborations approved in previous years are not compiled by Ministry of Finance. However, many of the foreign collaboration proposals are for import substitution and acquisition of technology which is not available indigenously.

Shifting of Tea Board Headquarters to Assam

1824. SHRI BHADRESWAR BUROGOHAIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a demand from the Assam Government as well as from the people of Assam to shift the Tea Board Headquarters to Assam ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Central Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tea is a major traditional export commodity from India. Calcutta, being one of the major Indian ports, has remained the centre of export activities for a long time. Headquarters of a number of exporting and producing firms are located at Calcutta. Moreover, most